

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Roman district branch office of the Commission for the Collecting of Cereals (Comcereal) is located at 167 Strada Stefan Cel Mare, Roman. The staff consists of a manager and eight officials, some of whom travel all over the district as controllers.
2. Cereals collected from the peasants are taken to depots, and from there part is immediately sent on in accordance with instructions from the head office in Bucharest and part is retained for local consumption. One of the depots, with ten sections and a capacity of up to 1,100 tons, is located opposite the Roman station. A second depot, consisting of two sections with a capacity of 400 tons each, occupies a former army bakery. A third depot, with a capacity of 600 tons, is in the former Magazinele Britanice. There are four storekeepers in the depot near the station and eight in the other depots.
3. A special storekeeper is employed to check the cereals depots every night. He carries a laissez-passez (Bilet de Libera Trecere) issued by the Militia. This is printed on a piece of white paper about 10 x 16 cms., and reads as follows:

Comrade x.y. is entitled to circulate at any hour of the night to inspect the cereals depots at the station and in the town.

Headquarters of the Roman Militia
Roman 1951 Round stamp

Militia Captain
Signed
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(valid for the year 1951).

4. In 1951 the following cereals were stored in the depot near the station:
3,000 tons of wheat, 2,260 tons of corn, 1,400 tons of beans, 5,400 tons of potatoes, 500 tons of hemp seeds (for oil), and 300 tons of sunflower seeds.

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5. The majority of the cereals, which the peasants take to the depots in their own carts, comes from the villages of Tamasen, Buruenesti, Sabaoani, Jaristea, Rotunda, and Mircesti. In 1951 the following prices were paid to the peasants: 5.60 lei per kg. for wheat (at 77 kg. per hectoliter weight, with 3 percent impurities), 4 lei per kg. for corn, 14 lei per kg. for beans, 2 to 2.30 lei per kg. for potatoes, 8 lei per kg. for hemp seeds, and 6.50 lei per kg. for sunflower seeds. The price includes transport to the depot.
6. In 1951 consignments of potatoes (not under 5 cm. in diameter) and wheat (at least 77 kg. per hectoliter) were sent by rail to the Soviet Union from Roman via Constanta and Galati. Part of the remaining stocks was sent to other inland railheads, and part retained in Roman for local consumption. Civilian Soviet experts living at Focsani come to Roman station daily to supervise the loading of the cereals and other goods.
7. The following collective state farms are operated in the Roman district:
 - a. Secueni, with 60 families and an area of 1,000 hectares.
 - b. Barjoveni, with 25 families and an area of 450 hectares.
 - c. Mircesti, with 35 families and an area of 800 hectares.
8. The following oil factories are located in Roman:
 - a. Magot Oil Factory and Flour Mill, with 300 workers.
 - b. Grunberg Brothers (former name) Oil Factory, with 100 workers.
9. The following personalities are known:
 - a. Wolf Schweizer, General Manager of the Commission for the Collecting of Cereals at Roman. 50X1-HUM
 - b. Untermann (fnu), Chief collector, Roman.

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